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Prior to an Examiner's first Action in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend ~~claims~~ (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 1 and 7 are as follows:

1. A method of making a molded polymeric article, the method comprising:
electroforming a plating onto a first surface of a prototype article, wherein
the first surface is defined at least in part by a desired arrangement of
fine topography features and is electrically conductive, so that the
plating defines an article mold having, on a first portion thereof
corresponding to the first surface of the prototype article, a reverse
image arrangement of the fine topography features thereon;
separating the prototype article from the article mold;

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